

# May Day appeal to the working class

# Revolutionary change is urgent!

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WW COMMENTARY

### This International Workers Day is anything but normal

This year, the usual May Day platitudes are insufficient. The economic and political crisis of the capitalist system — for U.S. and world imperialism — is more severe than at any other time in our lifetime. What is happening poses an existential threat to the working class and oppressed peoples everywhere.

But it is no time for pessimism or demoralization. On the contrary, it is a time for serious assessment, regroupment and boldly acting to turn a dangerous crisis into an opportunity to open up a new phase of the global class struggle.

This phase can and must be a big step on the road to ending capitalism and establishing genuine socialism — which can be nothing less than the working class displacing the capitalist ruling class and taking power.

### Class struggle is decisive

We are confronted with the prospect of more war, economic depression and the danger of fascism. With the dangers there is an earth-shaking opportunity: U.S. imperialism is in irreversible decline. The Global South, with socialist China at the helm, has initiated a new world order that challenges U.S. imperialist hegemony, which has already begun to decline.

The overwhelming majority of the people on earth

welcome this enormous change in the world as a necessary condition for bringing about global revolution. Soon the working class, based in the centers of world imperialism, including the U.S., will understand that the changes in the world are nothing to be afraid of, but rather something to embrace as the changes are in their class interest.

The changes in the world will help the development of the global class struggle against capitalism and imperialism. However, the changes in the world in and of themselves cannot finish the job of consigning capitalism to the dustbin of history. This task rests as it always has on the shoulders of the working class.

### The need for a revolutionary transformation of the labor movement

There must be a reckoning in the labor union movement. It's not easy to face hard truths, but the survival of labor depends on the development of a movement that is revolutionary and class-wide. This movement must be liberated from the constraints that the capitalist ruling class and its two political parties, the Democrats and Republicans, have encumbered it with. The time for relying on capitalist politicians, instead of class struggle, has to come to an end. Rank-and-file workers have to take the lead.

Those labor leaders must be pushed aside who are inclined to limit themselves to concern over a comparatively small number of workers — if they are even con-



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cerned about them — as against the entire working class, both organized and unorganized. Responding to the attacks on the working class by ducking and covering, trying to make deals with the bosses and waiting and hoping that the storm will pass over will not save the unions. Nor will accommodating those workers who are entrenched in the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement preserve organized labor. They must confront MAGA and prevail.

### Gaza is the class struggle

The workers, both unionized and unorganized, who joined the struggle to end the genocide in Gaza, opened a big road inside the labor movement that leads to workers breaking with imperialism. This road must be

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# Gaza unions call for global May Day solidarity



This "Call from the General Federation of Trade Unions in Gaza to Labor Unions in the United States on the Eve of International Workers' Day" was issued April 4, 2025.

To the free trade unions in the United States of America and to every free worker and trade unionist fighting for justice, freedom and human dignity, we salute you on the eve of International Workers' Day,

a day that embodies the unity and solidarity of workers in confronting oppression and exploitation.

We raise to you the voice of Gaza's workers, who today stand at the forefront of confronting the most heinous forms of genocide, siege and starvation, imposed on our people for decades and continuing to this day with direct support from the U.S. administration under Donald Trump and previous administrations in blatant violation of all humanitarian and international laws.

Dear members of American trade unions, for over 16 months Gaza has been subjected to a brutal assault that has resulted in the martyrdom of tens of thousands of innocent civilians, including thousands of workers, along with the systematic destruction of infrastructure, homes, hospitals, schools and factories. The occupation has stripped Gaza of all

means of life, sparing no service or productive sector from systematic devastation, leading to the collapse of health care, public services, education and the economy.

Millions of Palestinians now find themselves displaced, without food, water, shelter, electricity or medicine. The genocide is in a dangerous escalation. The occupation continues its policy of collective starvation by closing crossings and preventing the entry of humanitarian aid, placing our people at risk of mass famine while the international community remains powerless, silent or even complicit in this crime against humanity.

These policies are not merely intended to subjugate our people but are part of a settler-colonial regime aimed at completely erasing Palestinian existence. Dear comrades, workers in Gaza are among the most affected by this catastrophe.

Economic life has come to a complete halt, workplaces have been destroyed and tens of thousands have been forcibly pushed into unemployment, with no social safety nets in place. Today, workers and their families live in inhumane conditions, deprived of their most basic rights, struggling to survive — whether from hunger or under bombardment.

### U.S. enables Zionist genocide

This war would not have been possible without the unlimited U.S. support for the occupation, whether through military funding, political and diplomatic backing or arms deals that kill our children, women and elderly every day. The U.S. administration under Trump has continued what the previous administration started, becoming a direct accomplice in genocide, ignoring the voices of millions

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# Workers World: ‘Solidarity with Palestine on May Day!’

May Day arose out of the struggle in 1886 when workers around the U.S. joined a general strike on May 1 demanding an 8-hour workday. Chicago police attacked demonstrating workers in Haymarket Square three days later. In 1889, international socialists named May 1 International Workers Day to commemorate this struggle, Chicago’s martyrs and to promote global solidarity among workers.

This year Workers World hails the workers of Gaza who remain resolute in the face of the U.S.-backed Israeli genocidal war which has killed and injured tens of thousands of Palestinians, imprisoned and tortured thousands more, denied medical aid, food and water and destroyed homes, hospitals and the society’s infrastructure since October 7, 2023.

WW joins Gaza’s labor federation in thanking international workers and students for demonstrating in solidarity with the Palestinian people and agrees with their calls for the U.S. labor movement to act boldly to pressure Washington to stop arming Israel and end this murderous war.

We thank the Moroccan, Greek, Swedish, French, Spanish and other dockworkers who are calling for blocking military equipment shipments to Israel. WW has written of the International Longshore Workers Local 10 “Block the Boat” picket lines aimed at stopping weapons bound for Israel. WW lauds the prominent unions and workers who have joined pro-Palestine marches in the U.S. While many call for a ceasefire, some unions have pushed for an embargo of U.S.weapons to Israel.

WW newspaper has given prominent coverage to the U.S./Israel war in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, refuting corporate media lies. Since our newspaper’s inception it has supported the Palestinian Resistance and denounced U.S.-backed Israeli occupation and repression. Our staff and writers have joined pro-Palestine demonstrations and campus protests. Our editorials demand the release of all international (and other) students imprisoned for their pro-Palestine views.

In the spirit of May Day, WW calls for solidarity with migrant workers who are being scape-



Palestine solidarity march, Washington, D.C., Nov. 4, 2023.
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goated by the ultraright Trump administration — terrorized and living in fear, imprisoned, deported. We call out to all unions, their members and all workers to support migrant workers and their families in every way possible.

WW agrees with May Day’s founders: End capitalism! Fight for socialism! We add: End U.S.-backed Israeli genocide! Free Palestine! Stop detaining and deporting migrant workers!

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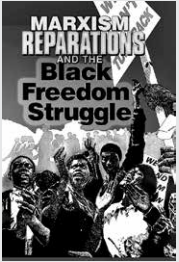
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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQ2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

# Pennsylvania Supreme Court denies Mumia’s appeal

By **Betsey Piette**  
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On March 26, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court denied political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal permission to appeal a September 2024 Pennsylvania Superior Court denial of his latest petition to reverse his 1982 conviction. The Supreme Court ruling ends Mumia’s state court challenge at this time. Mumia’s sixth petition was based on credible new evidence of prosecutorial misconduct—including Brady violations based on incentives given to the state’s key witnesses Cynthia White and Robert Chobert to give false testimony.

The new evidence, found buried in storage boxes in a remote area of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner’s office and turned over to Mumia’s lawyers in December 2021 also included evidence of racial bias in jury selection, a Batson violation.

The evidence included handwritten jury selection notes from Assistant District Attorney Joseph McGill, at the time of Mumia’s original 1982 trial, detailing the impermissible strike pattern targeting eligible Black jurors over white jurors. It contained a handwritten note by alleged “eyewitness” Robert Chobert to ADA McGill after the trial demanding “his money” that Chobert said was promised to him.

There were also detailed memos tracking “eyewitness” Cynthia White’s other unrelated and future cases with notice from McGill requesting to be consulted if these

cases came to court. Other evidence disclosed since the initial trial but not allowed into court included several photographs taken by freelance photographer Pedro Polakoff the night of the shooting of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner on Dec. 9, 1981. The photos, finally disclosed to the defense in 2007, proved Chobert was lying when he testified that his taxi was parked behind the police car driven by Faulkner. Another picture showed a policeman mishandling the alleged murder weapon. Without the opportunity for a new hearing, these are considered “inadmissible”. Mumia’s petition was brought before Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Lucretia Clemons in December 2022. In her “dismissal” on April 23, 2023, Clemons called Chobert’s request, hidden from Mumia’s defense for 37 years, “not material”—claiming that it would not have



Rally marking the 43rd anniversary of the unjust and illegal incarceration of Pennsylvania political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 2024.

altered the jury verdict. But in this case a key witness was demanding money from the prosecutor after the trial ended for something done during the trial. A Brady disclosure is a legal rule requiring prosecutors to turn over evidence to the defense that might have exonerated them. Under Brady, the appellant court was obliged to have conducted an evidentiary hearing, subpoenaing Chobert and McGill to testify under oath.

**Batson violation — racist bias in jury selection**

McGill’s handwritten notes dismissing Black jurors in favor of white ones constituted a clear-cut violation of Batson, which established that the right to sit on a jury was compromised if even one person was removed because of their race. The notes should have been turned over to defense lawyers 37 years ago. Instead, Clemons’ ruling, upheld by the appellate courts, claimed that Mumia’s petition was untimely, because his lawyers somehow should have known about McGill’s notes. Given that the strong evidence of police, prosecutorial and judicial misconduct has been repeatedly ignored by the Pennsylvania courts—their Mumia exception—the recent ruling was not unexpected. It nevertheless is a blow.

**What comes next for Mumia?**

Mumia’s supporters have never relied on the bourgeois courts to uphold justice—especially when courts are



heavily influenced by the Fraternal Order of Police, which is determined to keep Mumia incarcerated. Each stage in Mumia’s case—from winning his release from death row to securing necessary treatments for hepatitis C and care for other health issues—has relied on his supporters taking his struggle to the streets through historic international mobilizations. A major focus of this movement recently is to raise awareness of Mumia and his struggle for exoneration among young activists, particularly those engaged in the movement against U.S./Israeli genocide in Gaza.

In April 2024 Mumia was able to address historic student encampments for Gaza at several universities, including Columbia and City College in New York City and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. As a result, the students have continued to link their struggle for Gaza with the fight to win Mumia’s freedom. This April 24, in celebration of Mumia’s 71st birthday, a webinar entitled “Twisted Laws: Mumia, Universities & Palestine” will take on the systemic issues that create and perpetuate a cycle of political prisoners worldwide. It will feature law students and activists who will share their perspectives on how “constitutional law in the land of the free” is increasingly weaponized to repress dissent and create political prisoners. □

# The state of the death penalty in 2025

By **Gloria Rubac**

The century-long struggle to abolish the death penalty in the U.S. has been making significant progress in the last 20 years. Executions are down! New death sentences are down! Public support is down! And 2024 was the tenth consecutive year with fewer than 30 executions. Executions have declined by 75% since peaking at 98 in 1999. There are various reasons for the drop in state-sponsored murder. Juries are reluctant to impose death sentences given the number of people found innocent and exonerated off death row. They have growing concerns about errors and botched executions—2022 was called the “Year of the Botched Execution” as seven of the 20 execution attempts were visibly problematic or took an inordinate amount of time. That prompted some states to put executions on hold. (tinyurl.com/4tdbdja8) Public support for the death penalty remains at a five-decade low (53%) and, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, more than half of adults ages 18 through 43 now oppose the death penalty. Of the 29 states have the death penalty on their books, three have a moratorium on executions imposed by their governors. Virginia made history in 2021 when it became the first Southern state to abolish the death penalty. Yet the struggle for abolition is far from over. A group of attorneys and activists in Texas told this reporter before Donald Trump’s first election that they believed the U.S. Supreme Court would abolish the death penalty. They would use the legal standard of “evolving standards of decency” to interpret the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition against cruel

and unusual punishment. But given the character (or lack thereof) of the current Supreme Court, this hope no longer exists. **Racist roots of death penalty** To understand the true character of executions, history is necessary. Executions in the U.S. today are direct descendants of lynchings! The Equal Justice Initiative writes “Racist and illegal lynchings of the late 1800’s to the early 1900’s gave way to legal lynchings or state sponsored executions after mounting criticism that torturing and hanging Black people while white audiences cheered was tarnishing the U.S.’s image and moral authority. “By 1915, court-ordered executions outpaced lynchings for the first time. Two-thirds of people executed in the 1930s were Black, and the trend continued. African Americans’ share of the South’s population fell to just 22% by 1950, but 75% of people executed in the South were Black.” (eji.org) In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in Furman v. Georgia because it was applied in an arbitrary and capricious manner and because it was being imposed in a cruel and unusual manner, particularly regarding race. Over 600 sentences were commuted. But by 1976, death penalty statutes were changed somewhat and the death penalty was approved for use in the U.S. in the case of Gregg v. Georgia. Ten years later McCleskey v. Kemp showed that defendants in Georgia were more than four times as likely to be sentenced to death if the murder victim was white than if the victim was Black. The Court did not reverse the death sentence—although it found the statistics accurate, it concluded that executions

didn’t violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because racial bias in sentencing was purportedly not intentional. Racism still influences who is sentenced to death and executed in the U.S. today. The situation in Georgia has actually gotten worse: people convicted of killing white victims are now 17 times more likely to be executed than those convicted of killing Black victims. Facts: • African Americans make up 41% of people on death row and 34% of those executed, but only 13% of the U.S. population is Black. • More than 8 in 10 lynchings between 1889 and 1918 and legal executions since 1976 have occurred in the South. • 75% of executions for murder were in cases with white victims. (eji.org)

**Trump’s enthusiasm for executions** The federal death penalty had been seldom used until the last six months of Trump’s first presidential term. Before 2020, there had been three federal executions in 60 years. Then, in just six months, Trump had 13 people put to death, more than the previous 10 administrations combined. Trump’s energetic enthusiasm for the death penalty goes back decades to when he called for executing five teenagers of color who were arrested for the rape and assault of a woman jogging in Central Park in 1998. He bought a full-page ad in the New York Daily News calling for bringing back the death penalty. DNA evidence exonerated the Central Park Five after they had served years in prison. President Joe Biden campaigned on ending the federal death penalty. He did

not keep his promise. But during his last days in office, Biden succumbed to pressure and commuted the death sentences of 37 of the 40 people on federal death row to life without parole. During Trump’s campaign for reelection, he promised to execute the three remaining on federal death row. As president, Trump issued Executive Order 14164 entitled, “Restoring the Death Penalty and Protecting Public Safety,” requiring the Federal Bureau of Prisons to work with states that allow capital punishment to ensure they have sufficient supplies and resources to impose the death penalty. On April 1, Attorney General Pam Bondi called for Luigi Mangione’s execution, “as we carry out President Trump’s agenda.” Mangione was indicted on April 17 on charges including two counts of stalking, one firearms offense and murder through use of a firearm.

**Abolition progressing in spite of Trump** Although the Supreme Court has long maintained the outrageous position that

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Anti-death penalty activists gather near statue of Dr. Martin Luther King in MacGregor Park in the heart of Houston’s Black community, January 2021.



# Then and now: Over 60 years of revolutionary solidarity from Vietnam to Palestine

WW STATEMENT

Workers World Party salutes the 50th anniversary of the stunning victory of the long struggle in Vietnam for national liberation and an end to imperialist occupation.

On April 30, 1975, the last U.S. collaborators, contractors and advisers fled Saigon, literally hanging onto the skids of U.S. evacuation helicopters as the victorious National Liberation Front forces marched into Saigon (then the capital of South Vietnam, now renamed Ho Chi Minh City). The powerful images of U.S. defeat changed world history and gave a surge of new hope for other oppressed peoples. By May Day, Vietnam was liberated.

Here and now, in the center of U.S. imperialism, the issues, slogans and dividing lines in the powerful solidarity movements inspired by heroic struggles of the oppressed and colonized Palestinian people are remarkably similar.

By 1969, more than a half million U.S. troops occupied Vietnam, while the U.S. Air Force incinerated entire villages with napalm and white phosphorus bombs. The sheer horror of it swept millions of people into action.

During the 1960s, the leadership of the major anti-war coalition in the United States restricted its demands to “Negotiate Now” and later to “Peace Now.” U.S. politicians and celebrities were the headline speakers at mass rallies.

This is remarkably similar to the program of some forces in the movement in the U.S. for Palestine today that too often limit the demands to “Ceasefire Now!”

The moderate slogans seem to draw an equal sign between the oppressed peoples fighting for liberation and the imperialist

aggressor. By the mid-late 1960s, tens of thousands of activists identified the U.S. as the aggressor, and many were in solidarity with the armed liberation movement. It is similar now.

Workers World Party and its militant youth group, Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), throughout the 1960s and into the 1970s were part of large contingents in the massive demonstrations



Early May 1968. From left, Susan Davis and Deirdre Griswold marched with Youth Against War and Fascism in New York’s streets to protest the U.S. war against Vietnam.

and militant confrontations with many occupations. They consistently raised the slogan, “Bring the GIs home now!” As the movement began to identify with the oppressed fighters, YAWF called for “Victory to the National Liberation Front!”

Consistent with its long history and past conduct, Workers World Party now raises in the pro-Palestine movement the slogan, “Victory to the Resistance in Gaza!” and other slogans in support of the Axis of Resistance in West Asia.

### Daring to cover the resistance

WWP was determined to elevate the role of the leaders and the organization of the liberation movement in Vietnam who were demonized and only referred to using racist slurs. It carried pictures of the Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh and chief

negotiator Nguyen Thi Binh, also known as “Madame Binh,” and raised the full name of the National Liberation Front.

Similarly today, it is important to defend the right to resistance and honor the heroes of the resistance, from Leila Khaled to Yahya Sinwar, while circulating the statements of Hamas, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Islamic Jihad and other resistance groups.

In 50 years’ time, technology has dramatically changed communication and information. It is no longer possible to silence the facts coming from the liberation organizations.

Some 50 and 60 years ago WWP activists helped to reprint statements and smuggle newsletters and short videos about the Vietnam War into the U.S. despite constant threats of confiscation and prosecution. Today we remain determined to publish the statements of the armed resistance in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Yemen, despite constant social media shutdowns.

### Embracing Palestine and oppressed nations within the U.S.

The anti-war movement shifted again in June 1967 during the Israeli invasion of Egypt, Syria and Jordan and the resulting seizure of Gaza, the West Bank and the Golan Heights. WWP was the first multinational left party in the U.S. to come out against Zionism and stood out among political parties in the U.S. by confronting the liberal dominance of the anti-war movement and denouncing Israel as an occupier of Palestine.

Solidarity with struggles of the oppressed peoples within the U.S. remains the most important link. Massive rebellions against racism and poverty shook all urban centers of the U.S. through the 1960s. Concretely connecting these struggles and opposing U.S. domestic repression became the acid test for

principled revolutionaries. Some major organizations were determined to exclude solidarity with the oppressed at home or the expanded occupation in Palestine by insisting on a “single issue” movement.

Opposition within the U.S. military’s own ranks became one of the biggest challenges to continuing the war. By aiding and advising an organization of rank-and-file U.S. soldiers, the American Servicemen’s Union, and its anti-war publication, The Bond, WWP helped promote resistance within the U.S. military.

Over these years of intense social turmoil, Workers World Party helped assemble major coalitions to counter efforts to limit the political challenge and to step-by-step build a more inclusive and class-conscious movement.

### Expanding wars — in Southeast Asia and now West Asia

The liberation struggle in Vietnam spread throughout Southeast Asia into armed resistance in Laos and Cambodia. Wider U.S. saturation bombing was relentless.

Recognizing the wider liberation struggle of that era is as important as building solidarity today with the entire Axis of Resistance and the struggles in Yemen and Lebanon, opposing the overturn of the Syrian Arab Republic and defending the Iranian Revolution in West Asia today.

Workers World Party remains proud that Ho Chi Minh publicly saluted its effort in initiating the first public demonstration against the Vietnam War in the U.S. in 1962.

This is a different era of the world struggle. Today, U.S. imperialism is in a downward spiral that it can’t reverse with more wars or bigger military budgets, more sanctions or new rounds of tariffs.

Let’s continue here in the belly of the beast to build unconditional solidarity! Let’s remember the Maoist original slogan that the Vietnamese liberation fighters popularized: “Dare to Struggle! Dare to Win!” □

## Ho Chi Minh ¡presente!

May 19, 2025, will mark the 135th birthday of the great Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh. Also referred to as “Uncle Ho,” he was the founder of the Indochina Communist Party (1930) and its successor, the Viet Minh (1941). He was president of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) from 1945 until his death in 1969.

Workers World Party salutes this legendary internationalist and people’s hero not only for the Vietnamese people, but for the workers and oppressed masses worldwide. The following excerpts come from an article originally posted on workers.org on May 18, 2017.

Born in 1890 in central Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh was the Marxist-Leninist communist who forged and led a people’s movement and army that defeated the invading imperialist might, first of France and then the U.S. and ultimately liberated Vietnam from colonialism [50 years ago] on April 30, 1975.

Malcolm X acknowledged the centrality of the national liberation war led by Ho Chi Minh to [the] global rebellion, when he noted, “Viet Nam is the struggle of all Third World nations — the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neocolonialism.” (1972 interview with Yuri Kochiyama)

In 1924, Ho Chi Minh made a presentation at the Fifth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow



during a session on the “national and colonial question.” He emphasized the importance of support for the Black liberation struggle in the U.S.

He stated: “It is well-known that the Black race is the most oppressed and the most exploited of the human family. It is well-known that the spread of capitalism and the discovery of the ‘New World’ had, as an immediate result, the rebirth of slavery. ... What everyone does not perhaps know is that after 65 years of so-called emancipation, [Black people in the U.S.] still endure atrocious moral and material sufferings.” (“Ho Chi Minh on Revolution, Selected Writings, 1920-1966”) □

## The death penalty in 2025

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actual innocence is not enough on its own to obtain relief from a death sentence, the court’s conduct in several prominent cases this year was still noteworthy.

On September 24, Missouri executed Marcellus Williams despite a national campaign for clemency that garnered over 1.5 million supporters on social media. There was no physical evidence against Williams and two witnesses were paid to testify against him at trial. After the governor denied clemency, Williams turned to the U.S. Supreme Court as a last resort. But the Court declined to halt his execution. Justices Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, and Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented.

The Supreme Court refused to intervene in the case of Robert Roberson in Texas, sentenced to death for allegedly killing his two-year-old daughter Nikki under a “shaken baby syndrome” theory now debunked by experts. There was no crime and Nikki died from pneumonia, an accidental fall, and inappropriate medical treatment.

Justice Sotomayor urged Texas Governor Greg Abbott to issue “an executive reprieve of 30 days” to “prevent a miscarriage of

justice from occurring: executing a man who has raised credible evidence of actual innocence.” Ultimately, it was a Texas legislative committee’s last-minute issuance of a subpoena that stayed Mr. Roberson’s execution, not the court or the governor.

The Supreme Court ordered a new trial for Richard Glossip in Oklahoma and the state is deciding whether they will retry him. Finding Glossip guilty again may be difficult as the credibility of the state’s star witness — the actual killer who made a deal for a life sentence and for testifying against Glossip — has been undermined.

Ruben Gutierrez, on death row in Texas, is awaiting a Supreme court decision on whether the state is constitutionally obliged to order DNA testing. He wants to sue prosecutors to force them to test evidence that will prove he did not commit a killing.

Public awareness about the reality that innocent people are sentenced to death has grown steadily in recent years. The struggle continues to reform and ultimately abolish the racist death penalty. Although there have been 200 exonerations since 1973, the lives of many innocent people have been taken, as 1,691 people have been executed since 1970. It is a practice that cannot be reformed. Abolition is the only solution. □



# World responds to call for global solidarity with Gaza April 18-20

*Hamas—Islamic Resistance Movement made the following call, “Gaza cries out to you—A global solidarity week to support our people and reject the Zionist genocidal war,” on April 15, 2025. The accompanying photos of demonstrations held on April 18 illustrate the breadth and depth of mass support for the Palestinian Resistance.*

Amid the ongoing brutal Zionist aggression on the Gaza Strip and the escalating horrific massacres against innocent civilians — with full [U.S.] support and alarming international silence — we in the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) issue an urgent call to our Arab and Islamic nations and to all the free people of the world to actively participate in a global week under the slogan: “Gaza Cries Out to You.”

We call for the mobilization of all energies and means throughout the upcoming week in support of Gaza’s steadfastness, in condemnation of the aggression and to demand an end to the genocide, through the escalation of all forms of solidarity actions — including marches, sit-ins and protests in capitals, cities and public squares across the world.

We call for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April 18, 19 and 20) to be designated as days of global rage against the occupation, in rejection of U.S. support and

international complicity. We in Hamas appreciate and support the global popular and union-led calls, and we encourage responding to them by designating Tuesday, April 22 as a Global Student and Labor Strike Day in universities, educational institutions and labor unions worldwide — in solidarity with Gaza and in support of its besieged people’s resilience.

The cries of children, the moans of the wounded and sick and the groans of the hungry and displaced call out to every living conscience and place upon all a



Tehran, Iran, April 18, 2025.



Saada, Yemen, April 18, 2025.

humanitarian and historical responsibility to participate in this global week — to break the shameful silence until the aggression ends and the siege is lifted. □



Peshawar, Pakistan, April 18, 2025.

## Moroccan port workers show solidarity with Palestine

By Otis Grotewohl

In a courageous act of solidarity with the Palestinian people, a Moroccan port workers’ union called on its members to boycott a ship suspected of transporting F-35 fighter jet components to Israel. On April 14, the Union of Port Workers, an affiliate of the Moroccan Labor Union (UMT), called on its members at the Port of Casablanca to refuse to unload or service the Nexoe Maersk, a Danish vessel that was scheduled to dock on April 18.

Morocco operates as a monarchy and is heavily influenced by the United States. Moroccan unions are restricted, and the call made by the port workers’ union is the boldest action made by any union in Morocco since Israel escalated the genocidal war against Gaza, after the Al-Aqsa Flood rebellion of October 7, 2023.

“Anyone facilitating this ship’s passage is, without question, a direct accomplice in the genocidal war against the Palestinian people,” the union statement declared. The union, along with other pro-Palestinian liberation activists in Morocco, urged dockworkers in Spain and Turkey, where the ships may seek permission to dock, to also carry out similar boycotts and collective actions. (The New Arab, April 15)

Dockworkers affiliated with the left-wing General Confederation of Labor (CGT) in Fos-sur-Mer, France,

also refused to provide essential port services to the Nexoe Maersk ship and delayed its docking, just days before sailing to Morocco. Members of the Swedish Dockworkers Union (SDU) and U.S.-based International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 have also carried out militant labor actions in defense of Palestine.

### Pro-Palestinian protests erupt throughout Morocco

In addition to the call made by the Moroccan port workers’ union, there have been other demonstrations throughout Morocco condemning the continuous genocide in Gaza. There was a joint edict issued by several religious groups, including scholars associated with Morocco’s Islamist movement Al-Adl Wal Ihssan, forbidding the docking of the Nexoe Maersk ship. It stated that docking or servicing the ship would be “a grave betrayal of the Muslim community.” (People’s Dispatch, April 17)

Protests for Palestine have taken place in the Moroccan cities of Rabat, Casablanca and Tangier over the last several weeks. Moroccan Palestinian rights activists called for a rally at the Port of Casablanca, where the Maersk ship was scheduled to be docked on April 18. Wearing keffiyehs

and waving Palestinian flags, dozens of protesters were met with armed police in riot gear. According to reports, the police blocked the protesters from reaching the port, although some protesters bravely attempted to push their way through the barricades.

Unity between trade unionists and Palestinian rights activists is a threat to the imperialist U.S. and its racist client state of Israel. The working class and oppressed peoples have the power to push back against the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people and contribute to the growing resistance. □



Protest against Maersk ship, Casablanca, Morocco, April 18, 2025.

PHOTO: THE NEW ARAB

## Day & Zimmermann

# War profiteer—get out of Philly!

By Philadelphia Workers World bureau

Palestine activists marched from Philadelphia City Hall to Day & Zimmermann on April 18 to demand the war criminals cease supplying Israel with military supplies or get out of Philly. Day & Zimmermann is responsible for



Demonstrators target war profiteer, Philadelphia, April 18, 2025.

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manufacturing much of the artillery munitions used by Israel in its ongoing genocide in Gaza.

With revenues of \$2.7 billion in 2023, Day & Zimmermann is ranked by Forbes as “one of the largest privately held companies in the United States.” One of the leading producers of ammunition in the U.S., the company operates several government-owned facilities.

The company has made billions in profits selling Israel the ammunition used to kill and maim tens of thousands of Palestinian children and their families. Day & Zimmermann is the sole provider of three of the most frequently used munitions in Gaza: M795 155mm tank shells, M107 high explosive projectiles and M830A1 HEAT 120mm cartridges.

Day & Zimmermann outsources to several U.S. factories that produce artillery munitions used by the Israel Occupation Forces in Gaza. Its M830A1 rounds, fired by Israeli tanks in January 2024 killed 6-year-old Hind Rajab, her six family members and the medics who attempted to rescue her in the Gaza neighborhood

of Tel al-Hawa. The serial number on an exploded round found inside the ambulance indicates it was produced by Mason & Hanger, a Day & Zimmermann subsidiary.

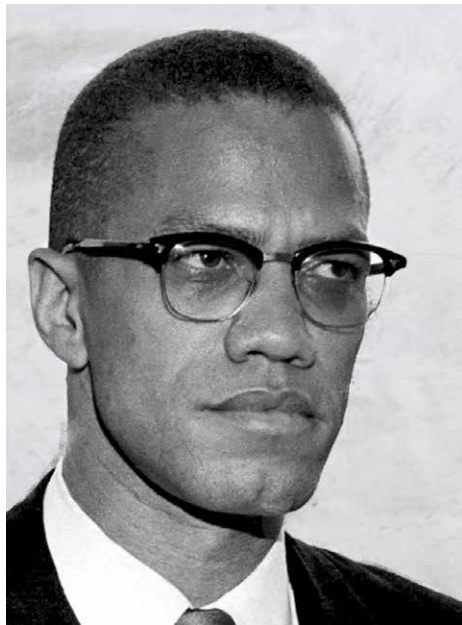
Speaking outside Day & Zimmermann corporate headquarters on behalf of the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition, Betsey Piette noted: “The people in this building aren’t the ones whose labor creates these weapons of war — that’s done by workers in D&Z’s factories in Texarkana, Texas, and Iowa.

“But the people whose offices are here — Chair and CEO Harold L. Yoh, III and the members of the board of directors of D&Z — profit both from the exploitation of the labor of those factory workers and the steady demand for these weapons by Israel. These CFOs and CEOs may not get their hands dirty in factories, but they have the blood of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians on their hands.”

The militant rally and march of around 100 people was organized by Philadelphia Students for Justice in Palestine. □



# The enduring legacy of Malcolm X



The centennial of the birth of Malcolm X, also known as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, is May 19. Black organizations and other revolutionaries will take this historic opportunity to analyze and pay homage to his contributions to the struggle against racist oppression, for the right to self-defense and for self-determination for the Black diaspora.

It remains to be seen if the mouthpieces of the ruling class, the mainstream media, will acknowledge this significant anniversary or will repeat the hostility shown to him when he was alive.

Malcolm X was a political inspiration for the launching of liberation organizations like the Black Panther Party, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Black Liberation Army, the Young Lords, Republic of New Afrika and more. Although he was assassinated 60 years ago, Malcolm X’s words, “By any means necessary,” still resonate today in relation to winning liberation. This is despite bourgeois pundits’ attempts to dilute their political context.

What sometimes gets lost in assessing Malcolm X’s legacy is his call for internationalism and class unity. Following his trip to West Asia (aka the Middle East) and Africa just months before his assassination, he made the following statement: “The same man that was colonizing our people in Kenya was colonizing our people in Congo. The same one in the Congo was colonizing our people in South Africa and in Southern Rhodesia and in Burma and in India and in Afghanistan and in Pakistan.”

Malcolm was explaining in his own unique, winning way that colonialism was a worldwide system of oppression that called for worldwide solidarity.

Once he visited occupied Gaza in early September 1964, including the Khan Younis refugee camp, Malcolm wrote a little-known commentary entitled “Zionist Logic.” In it he likens Zionism to a “new kind of colonialism” that not only threatens the existence of Palestine but also the newly independent African countries. This was his way of showing solidarity with the Palestinian masses against the U.S.-backed Israeli regime as far back as the 1960s.

Malcolm X also stated, “You show me a capitalist, and I’ll show you a bloodsucker,” to show the connection between the struggle against racism to the struggle against capitalism, an economic system that puts profits before meeting human needs.

Based on his experiences abroad, along with growing up under white supremacist U.S. society, Malcolm X’s political outlook evolved from Black nationalism to anti-imperialist internationalism. In theory and practice, he reached out to Civil Rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr., despite any political differences, to launch the Organization of Afro-American Unity.

Malcolm viewed the United Nations as a platform to bring world attention to the plight of the oppressed Black nation inside the U.S. This was part of an effort to build a united front to fight a common enemy of oppressed peoples around the globe, not just in one country.

Just one month before his assassination, plotted by the U.S. government, he remarked: “It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict of Black against white or as a purely American problem. Rather, we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter.” Prophetic words for what is happening today.

Workers World Party salutes the enduring legacy of Malcolm X on the centennial of his birth. The lessons he leaves behind are still relevant today as we welcome the decline and eventual collapse of predatory imperialism and the billionaire capitalists, to lay the basis for the inevitable emancipation of the global working class and the oppressed. □

## Boston Trans Day of Visibility

By Workers World Boston bureau

Marching up Blue Hill Avenue, through the Black and immigrant Dorchester neighborhood, Trans Day of Visibility received cheers and greetings from people coming out of small restaurants, hair salons and convenience stores and from thousands of passersby. Chanting “Trans Rights now!” marchers vowed to “Shut it down!” to encouraging, supportive honks at major blocked intersections.

With the national action postponed here earlier in the month by cold rain, Trans Resistance Massachusetts organizers, bolstered by several hundred marchers, rallied today in sunny Franklin Park. They vowed to fight the Trump

administration’s violent bigotry and discrimination with ever increasing visibility and revolutionary actions. Speakers also demanded no cuts to gender-affirming health care, an end to police brutality, hands off immigrants, programs for housing, education and health care and an end to funding for the U.S. military and genocide in Palestine.

Songwriter Evan Greer inspired the crowd with a rousing “Bella Ciao!” (an Italian resistance song against fascism and oppression). A 20-piece marching band had people dancing in the park and singing “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!” to conclude the powerful day of resistance. □



Boston Trans Day of Visibility, April 19, 2025.

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## Revolutionary change is urgent!

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strengthened instead of resisted.

This much should be clear: The future of the workers’ movement in part depends on the participation of the brave young activists who took the streets and erected encampments in solidarity with the Palestinian people. The countrywide protests against Trump this April were important. However, the bourgeois leadership of the protests’ deliberate exclusion of a demand to end the genocide in Gaza weakened the protests. It also exposed their subservience to U.S. imperialism.

If it continues, this betrayal of the Palestinian struggle only separates the working class in the U.S. from the rest of the world that is rising up against empire. The workers in Mexico, Palestine, Africa, Canada, Iran and Europe are not the enemies of the working class in the U.S. China is not the enemy. The workers of the world are our allies, and this realization is the essence of International Workers Day.

### The fight against war and fascism

U.S. imperialism is like a wounded beast on the threshold of defeat. It is at

such a time when a beast is most dangerous. A different regime is in the White House, but this regime is not only committed to endless war. It is ready to expand this endless war to the point of threatening the existence of the planet. Who will stop this threat?

Notwithstanding the Trump regime’s escalation of repression and attacks on the few rights that workers and oppressed people have, fascism has not yet been established, nor is it inevitable that it will be. It is, however, naive to dismiss the threat of fascism. The questions are: What is fascism? And how can it be defeated?

Fascism is more than the eradication of democratic rights — rights that mostly benefit the capitalist ruling class. Fascism, like imperialist war, is what a desperate capitalist class resorts to when its empire and system are endangered. Trump’s trade war and the roller coaster gyrations of the financial markets are symptoms of the crisis. Capitalism is careening towards a cliff from which there is no way back.

Ultimately, fascism is a weapon used to stop and crush working-class resistance to a vulnerable and crumbling capitalist

system. This is why segments of the bourgeoisie cannot lead the struggle to stop fascism — because they are beholden to the same ruling class that benefits from fascism.

There are those who want to revive and radicalize the Democratic Party. This is an impossible objective. The working class must take the lead in the struggle against fascism. Moreover, the goal of this struggle must be more than defeating fascism — it must be ending the system that is responsible for producing fascism.

### Ending capitalism is an act of self-defense

The explanation of the need and the struggle to end capitalism is nearly two centuries old. But today we must understand the urgent necessity to end capitalism as though it was a wholly new and urgent imperative. The unprecedented crisis of the capitalist system and the catastrophic consequence of not ending it have rendered the task of overthrowing the capitalist system an act of self-defense.

Whatever struggles that we must embrace — the struggle against cuts to health care, Social Security and other social programs, the struggle to organize

workers, to defend migrant workers, trans people, people with disabilities and international students — are all critical.

But we cannot afford to forget that these struggles must lead to a revolutionary struggle against the capitalist system. It is not enough to fight to go backward to a better time. The people of the world and history demand that we fight for the future.

### The need for revolutionary unity

The call for unity is more than a catch phrase. The struggle for unity is a critical part of the struggle to strengthen and fortify the political forces that can defeat reaction, war and ultimately end capitalism.

There can and should be unity between all forces involved in the resistance to the attacks that the working class faces. The most strategic unity is the unity between those who share the same revolutionary goals, and those who are steadfastly opposed to imperialism. The capitalist ruling class cannot be defeated unless there is a conscious, deliberate fortification of unity among revolutionary forces.

We extend a revolutionary, heartfelt appeal for this call. □



# Trump’s wishful thinking on ‘reindustrialization’

## Why China can do it, U.S. can’t

By Sara Flounders

*Below are excerpts from an article published in Workers World on line, The full article can be read at [workers.org/2025/04/85177/](https://workers.org/2025/04/85177/).*

In the 1950s, when Japan and much of Europe was in ruins, the U.S. accounted for 50% of the world’s global production. By the 1960s, this was 35%, declining to 25% by the 1980s. By 2025, the U.S. share of global production had fallen to 12% as production grew elsewhere. (itif.org, Feb. 18)

The capitalist class in the U.S. has grown frantic about this reversal. Its focus is on China, and it blames China for its spectacular level of modern industrial development. In advanced technology manufacturing the future is clear: China holds 45% of the global share to 11% for the U.S.

China dominates the global commercial shipbuilding market, producing over 50% of the world’s new ship orders, while the U.S. share has dwindled to less than 1%. China’s shipbuilding industry is backed by a vast industrial base with government support, allowing it to compete on a larger scale than the U.S.

China’s high-speed railroads connect 500 cities and reach through Central Asia into Europe. Meanwhile in the U.S., freight and passenger railroads are in decline.

Can this precipitous decline of U.S. capitalist hegemony be stopped? Can it be reversed? President Donald Trump would have us believe so, but evidence points to a negative answer.

### False promises of reindustrialization

Several past U.S. presidents have promised, as Trump has promised, to reindustrialize the U.S. economy and bring millions of productive manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. Trump promised this eight years ago during his first term and former President Joe Biden promised a vast program to “Build Back Better” and reindustrialize the U.S. economy and modernize infrastructure.

Both Trump and Biden promised job growth. Neither effort moved past the proclamation stage.

Reindustrialization was a huge promise of the Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan administrations in the 1970s and 1980s. At that time, reindustrialization was a precursor to the so-called “high tech revolution.” It was the first stage of a massive capitalist restructuring that killed untold numbers of good-paying jobs by replacing human beings with robots and automation.

Real wages, adjusted for inflation, have barely budged for most workers and have fallen for the lowest-paid workers since the assault in the 1970s. The pitch in the 1980s — that the increased need for a highly skilled technological workforce would balance out the drop in manufacturing jobs — never materialized. Thanks to technology, the astronomical rise in worker productivity has led to enormous profits but no increase in real wages.

### Trump’s magical thinking

On April 2, Trump’s announced tariffs on 150 countries, proclaimed as “Liberation Day,” would purportedly reorder the international economic system and force manufacturing to return to the U.S. This is wishful or magical thinking. It ignores the most basic law of capitalist investment.

As Karl Marx explained 175 years ago in his classic work, “The Communist Manifesto,” the bourgeoisie, i.e. the capitalist class, chases all over the globe for the highest rate of profit, the quickest returns, the cheapest labor. The owning class has no sentimental loyalty to any country, only to securing markets and profits. The productive forces are constantly being revolutionized, modernized and made more ruthlessly efficient.



China unveiled this hydrogen-powered cargo ship with a 1,450-ton capacity last year.

The tumbling stock market forced Donald Trump to quickly “pause” global tariffs for 90 days, because they so severely impacted U.S. billionaires operating in a global market.

Trump then further raised tariffs on goods imported from China, as China in response imposed higher tariffs on U.S. imports. U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports ballooned to 145% on some products, up to 245% on others.

Again, certain U.S. billionaires forced Trump to reverse course. Apple and Nvidia scored major victories with Trump’s decision to exempt many popular consumer electronics imported from China. These include iPhones, iPads, Macs, Apple Watches and AirTags, other smartphones, computers and consumer electronics.

In another reversal, Washington had originally placed fees as high as \$1.5 million per port call on all Chinese-built ships. But that order was quietly dropped after a stormy public hearing in which U.S. officials faced a chorus of objections from shipping executives.

### Military budget – a drain on the economy

As they have done for decades, at each step to boost their bottom line, U.S. capitalists chose the easiest, most immediately profitable path. Investment money gravitates relentlessly to the highest guaranteed profits, and that is usually the military budget with its huge, guaranteed, multibillion-dollar annual subsidy.

In a further effort to halt a free fall in the stock markets, Trump announced the largest military budget in history. “Nobody’s seen anything like it,” he bragged, describing a Pentagon budget that would exceed \$1 trillion. This means that the U.S. strategy is still to impose its military domination at the expense

of funds for industrial development and infrastructure.

This quick fix won’t solve the problem of building new industries with new jobs, but it throws a bone to the giant military industries.

Federal funding has been pumped into the military for over two generations, to where it now dominates the U.S. economy. This funding provides a huge subsidy and a guaranteed source of profits to

Blaming workers in other countries for a process initiated by U.S. capitalists means deliberately opening a totally unwarranted and racist attack.

The U.S. stands as a dominant force in global outsourcing. Approximately 300,000 jobs are outsourced annually. The economic implications are substantial, as the U.S. market alone generates \$62 billion of the \$92.5 billion in globally outsourced products and services. (Forbes, Oct. 15, 2024)

The U.S., as a capitalist country, really can’t and won’t reindustrialize, because that is a fabulously expensive process involving many years of investment of the capitalists’ own money.

### Why can China plan while the U.S. can’t?

In sharp contrast to the narrow U.S. view, China plays a worldwide role through international initiatives. This includes a key role in BRICS+, an inter-governmental trade organization with 11 member countries and nine partners; the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, with 10 members; and especially China’s Belt and Road Initiative with 140 members.

These trade and development organizations foster greater economic and geopolitical integration, a sharing of technology and coordination for emerging economies.

China has a socially planned economy where the greatest sources of wealth in society are owned by the whole nation. Banking, communication, freight, raw materials, electric power, railroads, ports, etc., are State Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

There are big capitalists in China, but the largest share of the Chinese economy is state-run.

The Chinese Communist Party, with 90 million members, controls this development process. It is rooted in a revolutionary overturn of the corrupt, old feudal society and ending imperialist occupation in 1949. Its economic policies and reorganization of society have ended dire poverty for 800 million people and transformed one of the poorest countries on the planet into today’s modern marvels.

### Capitalism: an impediment to social progress

Ruthlessly lowering wages, cutting social benefits, infrastructure investments and education is the short-sighted billionaire strategy.

The private ownership of the means of production, the expropriation of all socially produced wealth by a handful of billionaires can mean fabulous wealth for a few, in the short term. However, it is an actual impediment to the ability to modernize industry in today’s global supply chains. U.S. imperialism is incapable of modernizing into today’s global economy, because it is totally chained to an outmoded form of production — capitalism.

U.S. imperialism can threaten to destroy its opponents to impose its demands. This is a powerful threat. But the capitalists will discover that military might not backed up by industrial capacity becomes a paper tiger, growling without substance.

The interests of workers and oppressed people in the U.S. are bound up with the development of the people of the whole world. Only through increased cooperation and solidarity will our class here develop the ability to solve the enormous global problems.

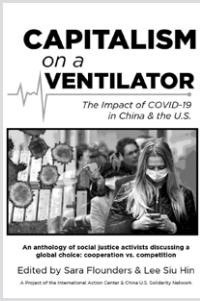
The ability to rationally plan and invest socially created wealth into rapidly improving technology and infrastructure is decisive. This requires socialism. □

## Capitalism on a Ventilator

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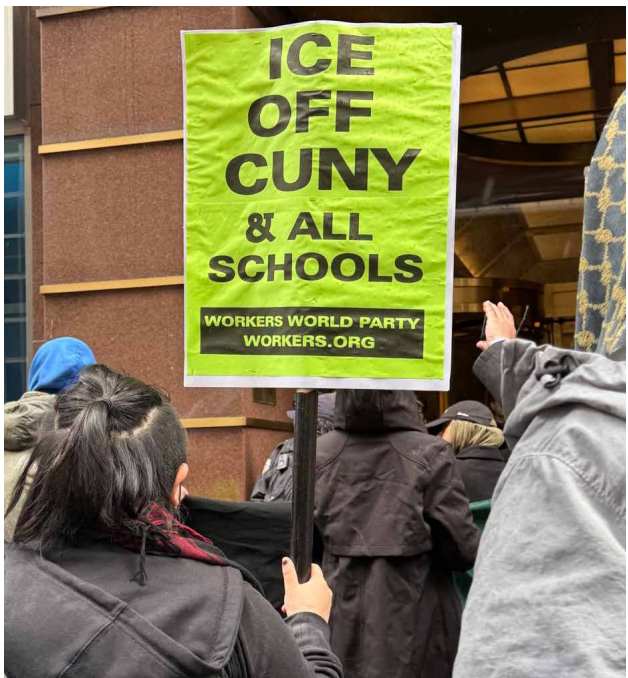
# Solidaridad política, unidad de clase: ¿Cuál es la conexión?

Desde que la administración de Donald Trump/Elon Musk tomó las riendas del poder a finales de enero, ha declarado una guerra de clases contra el activismo en los campus universitarios, los estudiantes extranjeros, las personas trans, los migrantes, los trabajadores federales y otros.

Puede que sea un tipo de guerra diferente del genocidio en curso que el imperialismo estadounidense y su socio sionista y colono-colonial Israel han estado llevando a cabo contra el pueblo palestino. Sin embargo, sigue siendo una guerra de clases. Y eso hace que la solidaridad de clase sea aún más importante.

Este reino del terror no comenzó con la actual administración. Pero ciertamente se ha acelerado desde que la anterior administración del «genocida Joe» demonizó los campamentos estudiantiles pro-Gaza y pro-Palestina que se extendieron por todo el país, acusándolos falsamente de ser «antisemitas».

Antes de las elecciones de 2024, los estudiantes se



Llamamiento a la unidad entre universitarios y migrantes en Nueva York, 11 de abril de 2025.

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enfrentaron a una tremenda represión por parte de las administraciones de los campus, desde la Universidad de Columbia hasta la Universidad de California en Los Ángeles. Se produjo una brutal represión policial y pro sionista que cerró muchos campamentos. Los estudiantes también se enfrentaron a la expulsión o a ser doxxed por expresar su solidaridad con el pueblo de Gaza y por exigir que Estados Unidos deje de armar a Israel.

Entre ellos se encuentran la becaria Fulbright de doctorado de la Universidad de Tufts Rümeyza Öztürk y el recién licenciado de Columbia Mahmoud Khalil, que se enfrentan a una deportación ilegal por parte del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos (ICE), similar a la Gestapo.

No es de extrañar que, durante las protestas, muchos estudiantes se cubran el rostro o eviten hacer públicos sus verdaderos nombres debido a la fuerte vigilancia de la policía y otros organismos represivos.

No sólo los estudiantes activistas pro Palestina se enfrentan a la deportación por sus creencias políticas, sino que los estudiantes extranjeros en general se enfrentan a la revocación de sus visados, seguida de la deportación. El Departamento de Estado estadounidense ha revocado el visado a más de 600 estudiantes internacionales, algunos sólo por haber sido acusados de delitos menores. (The Guardian, 10 de abril)

### Un perjuicio para uno es un perjuicio para todos

Trump también ha declarado una caza de brujas contra los migrantes, independientemente de su situación legal. Los migrantes pueden ser y han sido retirados físicamente de sus trabajos y escuelas por el ICE. Muchos de ellos han sido deportados sin el debido proceso a centros de detención del ICE, a la prisión estadounidense de Guantánamo y a una cárcel de máxima seguridad en El Salvador.

Los trabajadores migrantes -vitales para muchas arterias de la economía, especialmente la industria alimentaria- han sido vil y falsamente etiquetados como «criminales y violadores» por el xenófobo, misógino y supremacista blanco Trump.

Cuando Trump señala a cualquier sector de la clase trabajadora, como los activistas estudiantiles y los

inmigrantes, toda su administración busca tanto aislar a esos sectores como debilitar la solidaridad de clase, una solidaridad que se necesita desesperadamente. Es una advertencia flagrante de que ningún sector de la clase trabajadora está a salvo en términos de tener o mantener ningún derecho democrático básico. Para repetirlo, se trata de una guerra mundial, ya sea política, económica o militar, que se extiende mucho más allá de las «fronteras» de Estados Unidos.

Basta con preguntar en el extranjero a los pueblos de Palestina, Yemen, Líbano, China, Irán, Groenlandia, Panamá y Sudáfrica. Basta con preguntar en Estados Unidos a los trabajadores federales, a los inmigrantes, a los estudiantes y a las comunidades trans y discapacitadas.

Construir el internacionalismo o la solidaridad internacional es clave para hacer retroceder las tácticas de divide y vencerás de la administración Trump, y no confiar en el impotente Partido Demócrata con su objetivo de embaucar a la población estadounidense para que vuelva a votarles en la Casa Blanca en 2028.

Los enemigos de la clase obrera mundial, también en Estados Unidos, no son sólo Trump y Musk como individuos, sino la dictadura de clase capitalista dirigida por los plutócratas multimillonarios, cuyos intereses representan ellos y otros políticos de derechas. La clase obrera y sus organizaciones deben extender la solidaridad política más allá de esos individuos bajo ataque inmediato, sino también en general hacia la clase obrera superexplotada que produce toda la riqueza en la sociedad capitalista.

Mundo Obrero es totalmente solidario con cualquier esfuerzo que se haga para construir una amplia unidad política. Un buen ejemplo es el llamamiento del grupo pro palestino Within Our Lifetime de Nueva York para el próximo Día de los Prisioneros Palestinos el 17 de abril.

Dice en parte: «Cuando decimos 'Liberen a Mahmoud, Libérenlos a todos', no nos referimos sólo a todos los estudiantes detenidos por el ICE. Nos referimos a todos y cada uno de los prisioneros palestinos desde Estados Unidos hasta Palestina, desde Mahmoud [Khalil] hasta Shukri Abu Baker y Ghassan Elashi de Tierra Santa 5 hasta el Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, hasta los 10.000 palestinos en las prisiones de la ocupación». □

## Gaza unions call for global May Day solidarity

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inside and outside of the United States and an overwhelming majority of the nation who reject this brutal aggression.

Therefore, we call on you, the American labor unions, to translate your solidarity into effective actions that go beyond statements and speeches and create real pressure to stop this dirty war. What we ask of you today:

1. Escalate pressure within workplaces and American decision-making institutions to end the military, financial and diplomatic support provided by the U.S. administration to the occupation and hold accountable the companies and institutions involved in financing and supporting Israel's war machine and the genocide.
2. Join and expand the current boycott campaigns targeting Israeli companies and their supporters, especially in the shipping and logistics sectors. This includes boycotting Israeli ships

like "ZIM" and stopping business with companies that transport weapons and military equipment to the occupation, such as Maersk and others.

3. Enforce labor sanctions at U.S. ports and airports to block arms shipments to Israel, following the example of past labor movements that boycotted apartheid South Africa and other workers across the globe.
4. Support and coordinate efforts with the student movement in the U.S., which is facing severe repression for its principled stance in supporting the Palestinian cause. Solidarity between the labor and student movements can create immense pressure against the unjust policies of the U.S. administration and effectively respond to the Trump administration's broad assault on civil liberties and freedom of expression.
5. Call for general strikes and widespread civil disobedience to expose the U.S.

government's complicity in the war and hold it accountable for the crimes of the occupation, just as labor movements have done in past struggles against imperialist wars.

6. Pressure Congress and the U.S. administration to halt arms shipments and military aid to Israel and cancel any agreements that reinforce colonialism and oppression at the expense of oppressed peoples.

### Transform solidarity into action!

Dear members of the labor movement in America, we sincerely appreciate all the efforts made by U.S. trade unions and the voices that have stood in solidarity with the Palestinian cause. Moreover, we emphasize that the current stage demands that these efforts be developed in a cumulative manner, transforming solidarity into practical and sustainable actions that contribute to stopping Palestinian bloodshed, ending the occupation and siege and achieving justice for our people.

We, in the General Federation of Trade Unions in Gaza, address this call to you on the eve of International Workers' Day, affirming that your struggle for workers' rights in the United States is inseparable from our struggle against occupation and colonialism. True labor solidarity is demonstrated through actions, not just words, and we count on your awareness and determination to take concrete steps to end this tragedy.

It is our collective responsibility — as trade unions and labor movements worldwide — to stand against injustice and use our collective power to generate change. Together, we can break the chains of occupation, end oppression and build a world that is more just and humane.

**Long live workers' unity and solidarity! Long live the struggle of peoples for freedom, dignity and justice!**

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